

Listing of the Claims: Please replace any previous listing of the claims with the following:

Claims 1-18 (Canceled).

19. (New)      An adhesive tape comprising:  
                    a stretch base material;  
                    an adhesive layer comprising a plurality of grooves disposed on said  
base material, wherein said grooves extend in the tape width direction and are arranged in an array  
configuration in the longitudinal direction of said tape;  
                    said grooves not containing adhesive thereby facilitating breathability; and  
                    said grooves not extending across the entire width of said tape but having  
adhesive between said grooves.

20. (New)      The tape of claim 19 wherein a length of said grooves changes stepwise  
repeating a gradual increase and decrease in said tape longitudinal direction.

21. (New)      The tape of claim 19 wherein spacing between adjacent grooves decreases  
stepwise from a shortest groove toward a longest groove.

22. (New)      The tape of claim 19 wherein spacing between adjacent grooves increases  
stepwise from a shortest groove toward a longest groove.

23. (New)      The tape of claim 19 wherein said base material is exposed through said  
grooves.

24. (New)      The tape of claim 19 wherein said grooves are disposed parallel to each other.

25. (New) The tape of claim 19 wherein a width of said grooves changes with expansion and contraction of said tape.

26. (New) The tape of claim 19 wherein a thickness of said adhesive layer changes with expansion and contraction of said tape thereby changing a depth of said grooves.

27. (New) The tape of claim 19 further comprising a peelable exfoliate layer disposed on said adhesive layer.

28. (New) The tape of claim 19 wherein said array comprises a repetitive pattern.

29. (New) The tape of claim 19 wherein said grooves are not arranged at regular spacing in said longitudinal direction.

30. (New) The tape of claim 19 wherein said grooves comprise different lengths.